(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the approval and necessary co-operation therefor will be extended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Horticulture plan for H.P.

928. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to harness the horticulture potential of Himachal Pradesh during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details of the plan and funds allocated for that purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) and (b) The Government has launched a Centrally sponsored scheme "Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Sikkim, J and K, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal" in the State of Himachal Pradesh since 2003-04 for harnessing the horticulture potential of the State. The Technology Mission is designed to address all aspects of horticulture development. The outlay for Himachal Pradesh during the Tenth Plan is Rs. 80.00 crores.

High fertility districts in the country

929. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister has asked his Ministry to prepare a statement for high fertility districts in the country and measures to check the population;

(b) if so, whether Ministry has prepared a concrete comprehensive strategy which will cover all 210 districts in five States;

(c) if so, what are main strategies prepared by Ministry in this regard;

(d) by what time this strategies will be implemented; and

(e) what steps are being taken to check population control in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) The National Common Minimum Programme states the intention of the Government to focus on high fertility States through strengthening comprehensive primary health care. Accordingly, the Ministry has conceptualized the strategy for the Rural Health Mission which is proposed to cover the entire country, with special focus on 17 States, including the high fertility States, for comprehensive integrated primary health care sevices. If approved, the mission shall be launched in early 2005.

(e) The Government is imlementing the Reproductive and Child Health Programme for achieving population stabilization, by addressing the issues of contraception, maternal and child health simultaneously. The stress is on sustained behavioural change communication and improved access to quality family planning services, especially in the high fertility States.

Names of substandard medicines

930. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of medicines manufactured by some pharmaceutical companies were found to be substandard; and

(b) if so, what are the names of substandard medicines and what action is being taken against these companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Under the provisions of Drugs and Consmetics Act, 1940, and Rules thereunder, the State Governments are empowered to regulate and monitor the quality of